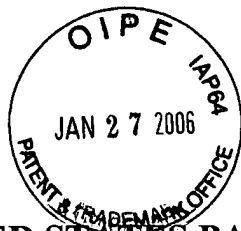


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, in which the Examiner rejects claims 2-8 and 13 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicates that claims 9-12 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 9-12 has been duly noted.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: